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JAKARTA FOR RMO CAPT LEWIS

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E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: VEHICLE ACCIDENT INVOLVING MSG

1. AT APPROXIMATELY 2100 HOURS, JULY 4, 1975, CPL. GARY L. NICE, MSG/SEOUL, WAS DRIVING A PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLE HE BORROWED FROM EMBASSY EMPLOYEE. NO PASSENGERS IN VEHICLE. HAD ACCIDENT INVOLVING TWO KOREAN VEHICLES. ONE KOREAN VEHICLE, HIT BY VEHICLE DRIVEN BY MSG STRUCK A KOREAN MALE APPROXIMATELY 45 YEARS OLD AND WAS SEVERELY INJURED. PEDESTRIAN AND PASSENGER IN ONE VEHICLE TAKEN TO KOREAN HOSPITAL.

2. U.S. MILITARY POLICE AND RSO ARRIVED ON SCENE AND MSG APPEARED TO BE UNDER INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL, HOWEVER IN CONTROL OF FACILITIES. ADVISED OF RIGHTS UNDER 5TH AMENDMENT U.S. CONSTITUTIONON AND ARTICLE 31, UCMJ AND AGREED TO TAKE BLOOD ALCOHOL TEST, WHICH WAS ADMINISTERED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BY U.S. MILITARY HOSPITAL. RESULTS WILL BE AVAILABLE JULY 7.

- 3. AT 2323 HOURS HOSPITAL PRONOUNCED PEDESTRIAN VICTIM DEAD OF INJURIES RECEIVED IN ACCIDENT, SECOND INJURED PERSON REPORTEDLY HAS TWO BROKEN ELBOWS, CHEST AND HEAD INJURIES AND IS EXPECTED TO LIVE.
- 4. NICE REPORTED HE WAS DRIVING 40-50 MPH IN A 30 MPH ZONE AND PASSING A KOREAN TAXI ON THE RIGHT WHEN ACCIDENT OCCURRED. HE CONTINUED THAT HE STRUCK TWO VEHICLES, BUT WAS NOT AWARE OF PEDESTRIAN.
- 5. PRIOR TO RSO'S ARRIVAL ON SCENE NICE MADE SAME STATEMENT IN ENGLISH TO KOREANS IN AREA.
- 6. ACCIDENT BEING INVESTIGATED BY KNP AND U.S. MP'S.
- 7. RMO INFORMED OF ABOVE BY RSO AND PLANNING TO TRAVEL TO SEOUL ASAP.
- 8. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT. SNEIDER

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